# Deer Park Celebrates 125 Years

On December 20, 1892, Simeon Henry West filed his original plat and subdivided it into outlots. He named his town Deer Park because of the large number of deer that roamed the coastal prairies. He reserved rights for water, street cars, telephone and electric utility lines, and named streets. Only 3 of the original street names remain today – Luella Ave., X Street, and P Street.

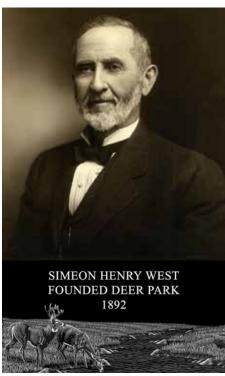
West was a statesman and a well-respected citizen of Illinois. He was very aggressive in pursuing his dream and achieving his vision for creating the town of Deer Park. As settlers arrived from the north to build homes and establish farms, West built a hotel and a post office in 1893. He graded a road from West Avenue (Center St.) to Buffalo Bayou. With permission from



First Hotel in Deer Park



First Post Office in Deer Park



the Secretary of War, West built a wharf on Buffalo Bayou. It was later destroyed by the Galveston storm. For only \$1, West granted a 100-ft wide strip of land for the first railroad through Deer Park. He donated the land on the right-ofway to the Houston Ship Channel. On October 3, 1902, he granted the deed to the United States of America.

Simeon was an interesting and colorful character. He was an author, miner, civil servant, farmer, and a devoted husband and father. He invested in land in Montana, California, Illinois, and Texas. He invested in gold mines in California and opened a mineral health spa in Missouri. He was 80 years old when he made his 18<sup>th</sup> trip to California.



### In this issue:

West was a Spiritualist and believed that everyone had a spirit guide. His guide, Pansy, helped him make connections with the spirit world.

He was adventurous, honest and ethical, loved his country, and also a bit of an eccentric. Simeon West died in 1920 never knowing the significant contributions he made with the founding of Deer Park.

To commemorate Deer Park's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the city will be hosting various special activities and events throughout the year. For the latest details, visit our website at www.deerparktx.gov and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/deerparktx. Information will be posted as it becomes available.

# **General Information**

# Elected Officials

Jerry Mouton, Jr	
	Council Member - Position 1
	Council Member - Position 2
Tommy Ginn	Council Member - Position 3
	Council Member - Position 4
Ron Martin	Council Member - Position 5
	Council Member - Position 6
	Council by e-mail at cityhall@deerparktx.org.

### Department Directors

James J. Stokes	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins	City Secretary
Donna Todd	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen	Director, Public Works
Scott E. Swigert	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Robert Hemminger	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg	
James Lewis	

### Other Appointed Officials

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# City Facilities

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Animal Shelter		
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre.	281-478-7288.	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center	281-478-7216.	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course	281-478-2080.	1600 Georgia
City Hall	281-479-2394.	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center.	281-478-2060.	4200 Kalwick
Community Center		
Fire Station #1	281-478-2043.	1302 Center
Fire Station #2	281-478-7282.	711 E. Pasadena Blvd.
Fire Station #3	281-478-7281.	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center	281-478-2049.	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center	281-478-7215.	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center	281-478-7276.	1201 Čenter
Municipal Court	281-478-7238.	1302 Center
Police Station	281-479-1511.	2911 Center
Public Library		
Swimming Pool	281-478-2055.	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station	281-478-7213.	610 Underwood
Visitors Center		
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# March

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- 21 City Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 25 Siren Test 12pm
- 28 LEPC Meeting 11am

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- 16 City Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 20 Siren Test 12pm
- 23 LEPC Meeting 11am
- 27 Siren Test 12pm
- 29 City Services Closed Memorial Day



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

# **Public Works**

# City Depository

The City of Deer Park Transfer Station, located at 610 Old Underwood Road, is open on Saturdays from 9am-4:30pm. There is no fee to use the facility. However, proof of residency must be provided in the form of a current utility bill and driver's license. You can discard an old fence, appliances, furniture, electronics, etc. The Transfer Station is unable to accept any large automotive parts, solvents, or flammable liquids. Lawn mowers and other similar items can be discarded if the gas tank has been removed. For more information, call the Transfer Station at 281-478-7213.

### Be Water Wise Q & A

Q: Where does Deer Park's public water system end and your private plumbing begin?
A: At the water meter, the water line

on your side of the meter is your property.

Q: Occasionally, I see a city employee open a fire hydrant and let the water run. Why is that done? A: It is called flushing. It's a way to scour mineral and other deposits from inside the water main. Water flows out of fire hydrants at a very high velocity, which helps remove any build-up. It's important to remove these mineral deposits because the accumulation can eventually reduce water flow through the main. Mineral deposits can also cause discolored water if the deposits become dislodged and dissolve in the water. This sometimes occurs after crews repair a damaged water main. Routine preventative maintenance helps keep things running smoothly.

### Code Enforcement

Code enforcement officers provide essential and beneficial services that ensure quality of life within the City of Deer Park. On a daily basis, the Code Enforcement Division handles citizen complaints relating to potential violations of city ordinances that are not criminal in nature. Common violations may include dirty pools, encroachment of easement or right-of-way, falling fences, graffiti, high grass, illegal barbecue pits or containers, junk debris or vehicles, low hanging trees, raw sewage on the ground, occupied RV trailers, parking on front yard grass, failure to obtain a permit for building, plumbing, electrical or mechanical work, and failure to obtain a garage sale permit. To report code violations, go to www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks.

### Flood Insurance

Hurricane season will be here before you know it. Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% guaranteed. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The City of Deer Park participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so local insurance agents can sell an NFIP policy under rules and rates set by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rate.

Any structure in Deer Park can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

• Structural coverage covers every-

- thing that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built-in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.
- Contents coverage covers furniture and other personal possessions except for money, valuable papers, and such. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

Coverage for things outside of the house, like the driveway and land-scaping, is not available. If you have a policy, check it closely. You may only have structural coverage (that's all that banks require). When flooding occurs, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

# City Projects

Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project - This project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan and is split into two phases. In May 2013, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase I. Phase I was awarded to CSA Construction for \$4,908,600. Construction for Phase I began in June 2015 and is almost complete. In November 2015, the city entered into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase II in the amount of

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- \$2,130,425. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$14,458,400. Phase II of the project should go out for bid during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2017. The project is being funded with Certificates of Obligation.
- Police Firing Range and Classroom - In Nov. 2014, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with Griggs Group, Inc. (G2) for the design of the Deer Park Police Firing Range and Classroom. On July 6, 2015, the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Board authorized staff to approach City Council to begin the bid process. Unfortunately, the bids received exceeded available funding. The project was redesigned and went out for rebid in early 2016. On April 5, 2016, the project was awarded to IKLO Construction in the amount of \$1,881,500. The facility is currently under construction and being funded with CCPD funds.
- Improvements City Council approved \$200,000 in the 2015-2016 fiscal budget to construct a concrete ring road that will connect the existing driveways at the city maintenance facility on Luella Ave. The project was awarded to Construction Diversity Group in the amount of \$168,186.79 and completed in December 2016. Final cost for the project was \$166,005.35.
- Bayou Street Drainage Outfall

   On June 7, 2016, City Council approved the purchase of services from Midas Utilities, through The Interlocal Purchasing System, to perform

- the Bayou Street Drainage project. The anticipated cost of the project was \$183,540. The project was completed in December 2016 at a final cost of \$183,535.
- Water Line Improvements,
  Hillshire Dr. & Estate Dr. On
  Aug. 16, 2016, City Council approved the purchase of
  services from Vaught Services,
  through The Interlocal Purchasing System, to perform water
  line improvements on Hillshire Drive and Estate Drive.
  The project will be funded by
  Capital Improvement Bond
  Funds. The cost of the project is
  expected to be \$649,797.75 and
  should be completed by the end
  of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2017.
- Ivy Street Water Line Improvement - Services were purchased from Midas Utilities through The Interlocal Purchasing System to perform this water line improvement project. The project was funded by Water & Sewer Bond Funds. The project was completed in August 2016 at a final cost of \$267,512.55.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)

  Project, Year 6 On December 15, 2016, City Council approved the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. to perform this project. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed before the end of the 1st quarter in 2017. The anticipated cost of the project is \$710,983.86, which will be funded by Water & Sewer Bond Funds. This is the sixth year of the seven year SSO program.
- Destiny Detention Pond Rehabilitation - On Oct. 3, 2016, City Council awarded this project

- to Great Bear Construction in the amount of \$58,436.12. The project involves regrading the detention pond at the corner of Chandler Lane and Pasadena Boulevard to improve drainage in the area. The project was completed in January 2017.
- 13th Street Lift Station Rehabilitation On July 5, 2016, City Council awarded this project to N & S Construction for \$109,500. The project was funded by the Water & Sewer Fund and completed in January 2017.
- Construction of New Animal *Shelter* - In July 2015, City Council approved using funds from Certificates of Obligation for the construction of a new animal shelter and equipment. A Request for Qualifications was issued and reviewed by a selection committee of 7 members. City Council authorized city staff to negotiate a contract with Quorum Architects, Inc. for professional design services. The city has allocated \$2.8 million from the sale of Certificates of Obligation for the project. The project is expected to go out for bid by the end of the 1st quarter in 2017.
- New City Hall The City has contracted with cre8 Architects to design the new city hall. The building will be built on the vacant property east of the existing city hall. After the construction of the new building, the existing building will be demolished. The project is expected to be awarded during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2017.
- Street Replacement Project In November 2015, the city received \$7.5 million from the

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sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation, of which \$4.7 million was allocated for street reconstruction projects. These funds, along with \$1,718,148 in the Capital Improvement Funds (FY 2016-2017) will fund this project. The Street Replacement Project includes Baron Lane, Cork Lane, Dahlia Lane, Ember Lane, Fleet Lane, Glacier Lane, Hastings Lane, Iris Lane, Justin Lane, Kelvin Lane, Amherst Lane, Brown Lane, West 9th Street from Boston Avenue to Center Street, and West 12th Street from the dead end to Center Street. This project is currently in the design phase.

# Resident Reminder

Fire Hydrants are to be used only by members of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department and City of Deer Park personnel. A contractor may use a fire hydrant only after the contractor has obtained a meter from the Public Works Department. We strongly encourage you to contact us at 281-478-7270 if you witness anyone taking water from a fire hydrant that is not a city employee or fire fighter. The Public Works Department can confirm whether that person is authorized to use



the fire hydrant and that a meter was issued to account for the water usage. If a meter was not issued, an inspector will investigate the situation. The City of Deer Park aims to account for all water usage. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Employee Awards October November November Field Service Support Staff Field Service Greg Melching Loretta French Haydenn Hatfield Central Collections Public Works City Secretary's Dept. December December December Supervisor Support Staff Field Service Sgt. James Tryon Ernestina Palomares Billy Penick Parks & Recreation Police Department Police Department

# Agenda & Minutes

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# Streetlights

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our area. To report a street light outage, call 713-207-2222 or visit www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight. You will be asked to provide the 6-digit stenciled number on the pole to identify the exact location of the pole with the issue.



# Police Department

### Bias Based/Racial Profiling

Bias based/racial profiling is defined as a law enforcement-initiated act based solely upon an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, or on the basis of other criteria rather than upon the individual's behavior, activity, or other lawful reason. Deer Park Police Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in bias based/racial profiling. The Deer Park Police Dept. is committed to providing service and enforcing laws in a fair and equitable manner. Citizens who believe they have been the subject of bias based/racial profiling may file a complaint with any employee of the Deer Park Police Dept. or call the Internal Affairs contact, Captain Wade Conner, at 281-930-2102.

**Underage Drinking** 

Prom and graduation are right around the corner. Typically, there is a rise in underage drinking associated with these special events. According to the National Institute of Health, "Underage drinking is a serious public health problem in the United States. Alcohol is the most widely used substance of abuse among America's youth, and drinking by young people poses enormous health and safety risks." The Deer Park Police Department enforces the law and will pursue individuals providing alcohol or a facility for consumption to underage drinkers. Say NO to underage drinking and report incidents to 281-479-1511. Remember, these are times for celebrating accomplishments, not a time for making bad decisions that lead to irreversible mistakes.

### Lost and Found

The Deer Park Police Department

often comes across lost items, such as bicycles, keys, identification cards, etc. We would like to help get these items back to their rightful owners. If you have lost or misplaced items, contact Property and Evidence Custodian E. Salazar at 281-930-2122 or send an e-mail to esalazar@deerparktx.org to see if it has been turned in.

# Register Your Bicycle & Other Recreational Devices

The Deer Park Police Dept. (DPPD) often recovers lost and stolen bicycles, skateboards, hover boards, etc. Register bicycles and other recreational devices by going to www.deerparktx.gov/police and clicking on *Bicycle Registration* under *Community Services*. By providing this information to the DPPD, the department will be able to return items to their rightful owners more quickly and easily. For more information, contact Officer Taylor at ttaylor@deerparktx.org.

Remember, an item left unsecured or unattended is a target for theft. So LOCK items to a strong, fixed object, TAKE the items with you, or HIDE the items in your home.

### Peace Officers Memorial Service

Chief Gregory L. Grigg would like to invite you to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service on May 15 at 4pm at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building, located at 1302 Center Street. We will honor those in law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in

which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. This year, National Police Week is May 14 through 20.



### Lt. John Yettevich Attends the FBI National Academy

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers who are nominated by their agency heads for demonstrating leadership qualities. The 10-week program serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, as well as raise law enforcement standards. knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Participation is by invitation only. Participants come from every U.S. state and territory, and international partner nations. Approximately 220 officers per session take undergraduate and/or graduate courses at the FBI campus in Quantico, Virginia. Classes are offered in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership, communication, and health/fitness. Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training. They also share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that transcend state and national borders.

Fitness is emphasized at the National Academy. The culmina-

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tion of the fitness challenge is the "Yellow Brick Road," a grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines. Along the way, the participants must climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net, and more. When (and if) the students complete this difficult test, they receive an actual yellow brick to memorialize their achievement. The course got its name after the Marines placed yellow bricks at various spots to show runners the way through the wooded trail.

Lt. John Yettevich is the latest member of the Deer Park Police Department to attend the academy, graduating on December 16, 2016. Chief Grigg, Assistant Chief Massey, and Lt. Keeney have also attended and have the yellow bricks to prove it.

### National Telecommunicator Week & 9-1-1 Education Month

April is 9-1-1 education month and April 9-15 is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week (NPSTW). NPSTW recognizes the efforts of telecommunicators who work behind the scenes along with Fire, EMS, and Police to protect and serve their communities.

Telecommunicators are more commonly referred to as dispatchers, but the National Emergency Number Association and others are urging the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to reclassify public safety telecommunicators from office and administrative support to protective services.

By doing so, telecommunicators' responsibilities would be distinguished from commercial dispatchers and honor their increasingly complex role in the provision of public safety by placing telecommunicators in a category with other first responders, such as Police Officers and Fire Fighters.

Texas telecommunicators are licensed by the same state agency that regulates police officers. Telecommunicators also receive many hours of on-the-job and state mandated training before they can dispatch. One telecommunicator may be responsible for simultaneously answering non-emergency phone calls and 9-1-1 calls, radio dispatching Police, Fire, EMS and city services, as well as many other duties. This makes training and personnel retention difficult.

Telecommunicators are shift workers. They experience stress levels similar to first responders as a result of the demands of the job, work hours, and repeat exposure to tragic incidents. Because telecommunicators are not physically present at the scene, they do not routinely see the results of their efforts. Although telecommunicators are not as visible as uniformed responders, they are referred to as the First, First Responders for being the first point of contact during an emergency. Letters of appreciation are valued significantly by telecommunicators because their efforts are behind-thescenes.

The Deer Park Police Department Facebook page routinely posts information about telecommunicators and other public safety announcements. Greater Harris County 9-1-1 provides information at www.911.org and is planning for public education campaigns in April. For more information on the telecommunicator industry or 9-1-1 education, go to www.nena.org and www.apcointl.org. Apply for a telecommunicator position at www.deerparktx.gov/hr.



Community Wide Shred Day

The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) is hosting a community wide shred day on March 25 from 9am-1pm in the parking lot of the Deer Park Police Department, located at 2911 Center St. It's a convenient drive-thru shred event so you don't even need to get out of your vehicle! Members of the DPCPAAA will be available to do all the heavy lifting. So, drop off your unwanted personal records and documents. PROSHRED® will be there to immediately shred the documents on-site. Please note that this event is for our community and the service is for personal items only, not for businesses. Limit 5 large bags or boxes per household. We are also collecting non-perishable food for our local food bank.

This free community event is brought to you by the Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. The generous support of our citizens through donations made to our recent DPCPAAA law enforcement yard sign and T-shirt fundraising campaigns made it all possible. Thank you, Deer Park!

# Library News

### Friends of the Deer Park Public Library

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library's Annual Spring Book Sale is scheduled for March 29-April 1 during normal library hours. Members of the Friends of the Library are invited to attend the preview sale on March 28 from 5-9pm. Annual membership dues for Friends of the Library are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens.

Friends will also host a Scholastic Book Fair along with the Summer Reading Club sign up on May 30-June 10 in the library's meeting room. Proceeds from the book fair provide incentive prizes for the Summer Reading Club. Stop by to shop or volunteer to help register participants for the reading club.

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library are planning the Annual Spring Meeting. The date and time, as well as the name of the guest speaker, will be publicized when it is available. The meeting is free and open to the general public. For more information, call 281-478-7208 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/library.

Would you be interested in helping Friends raise money? Donating your time is a fun way to get involved and meet new people. Volunteers are needed to work both Friends' events this spring. It's like working at a bookstore for the community! For more information, please call 281-478-2092.

# Featured Fridays

The Featured Friday series began in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical, and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors or people with connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included the Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900, the early Texas concerts of Elvis Presley, and the first-hand experience of a World War II survivor.

Featured Fridays will be a part of Deer Park's 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. The 2017 series will include several programs dedicated to state and local history. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library.

Join us as we learn more about our heritage!

## Summer Reading Club

Stop by the library or go to www.deerparktx.gov/library to view the Summer Reading Club brochure on May 1. Registration begins on May 30, which is also the start of the Scholastic Book Fair.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for May 30-June 10 in the library's meeting room. Anyone may browse the book fair, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. Proceeds from the book fair provide incentive prizes for the summer reading program.

# Read Across America: Celebrate Dr. Seuss

March 2, 3:30pm

Join us under the truffala trees to

celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! We will have some crafty fun and enjoy cake as we lead into our Thursday afternoon movie, a great Dr. Seuss classic.

# Infant Lapsit Storytime

For ages 0 to 2 Wednesdays, 10:15am March 1-May 10

Storytime features songs, nursery rhymes, socialization opportunities, and so much more! Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the child to help them participate. During the week of March 27, storytime sessions will be held in the children's area of the library.

# Toddler Storytime

For ages 2 to 3½ Thursdays, 10:15am March 2-May 11

The 20 to 30 minute sessions are designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to encourage them to participate. During the week of March 27, storytime sessions will be held in the children's area of the library.

# Preschool Storytime

For ages 3½ to 6 Thursdays, 11am March 2-May 11

Storytime incorporates books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities. During the week of March 27, storytime sessions will be held in the children's area of the library.

A special Egg Hunt Story-

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*time* will be held on April 13 at 10:15am. There will be fun with stories, songs, crafts, and refresh-

ments before we start hunting for eggs in the children's area of the library!



# Hop Into Spring Craft For ages 5-12

March 21, 3:30-4:30pm

Help us hop into spring with a fun "froggy" craft. Crafts to accommodate 5-8 year olds, as well as 9-12 year olds, will be available. Materials are provided to children free of charge.

# Earth Day Craft For ages 5-12 April 4, 3:30-4:30pm

Let's get ready to celebrate Earth with a craft! Earth Day, April 22, reminds us to take care of our environment. Children will have the option of choosing a craft appropriate for their skill level. Materials are provided to children free of charge.

# Mother's Day Craft For ages 5-12 May 9, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for a craft to celebrate Mother's Day. Crafts to accommodate 5-8 year olds, as well as 9-12 year olds, will be available. Materials are provided to children free of charge.

# Matinée Movies Thursdays, 4pm

Stop by after school for a movie and popcorn! Contact the library at 281-478-7208 for movie titles and suggested age ratings. There will not be a matinée movie on March 30 due to the Friends of the Library

Book Sale. Movies will resume on April 6.

### Teen Time

For school-aged children, ages 12 & over Wednesdays, 3:45-5:45pm

Teens will enjoy socializing, making crafts, and a little friendly competition at video gaming, board games, and card games. Free snacks are provided by the Friends of the Library. On March 15, Teen Time will offer extended hours from 1-4pm and host a special video game tournament! There will not be Teen Time on March 29 due to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Teen Time will resume on April 5.

# T. A. B. Meeting

For ages 12-18

1st Tuesday of the month, 4:15pm

Join the Teen Advisory Board and help plan for teen programs. Discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the teen collection. If you are interested, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or

# Summer Volun Teens

pick up a form at the library.

For ages 13 & over Registration starts May 1

Teen volunteers are needed to assist staff. Volunteers will work with the staff and other teens starting the week of June 12 through the duration of the summer reading program. Be a part of the summer fun at the library, while you make new friends, and accrue volunteer credit. To join, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or pick up a form at the library.

# Mysteries & More Book Club

Meetings will continue to be every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Discussions will be

about books from a variety of genres. Future book titles will be selected at upcoming meetings. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call 281-478-7208.

March 14 - Historical Fiction, The Pearl That Broke Its Shell by Nadia Hashimi

April 11 - Crime Fiction, Finders Keepers by Stephen King May 9 - Popular Fiction, A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman

# Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but registration is required. Open lab sessions are also available.

- Introduction to Computers Become familiar with computers and technical terminology,
  plus get comfortable using a
  mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
- Browsing the Web Learn the basic skills of browsing the world wide web. Topics include search engines, simple search techniques, security precautions, and the basics of e-mail.
- Using Social Networks Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used.
   Websites to be discussed include Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
- Microsoft Word 2016 Basics Become familiar with the 2016
  version of Word and learn how
  to create and edit basic Word
  documents, including resumes
  and letters.
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics -Become familiar with the 2016 version of Excel and learn how

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- to create and edit basic spreadsheets, as well as use simple formulas and functions.
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016
   Basics Become familiar with the 2016 version of Power-Point and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.
- Open Lab Session One-onone assistance for Microsoft Office programs, Windows 7, and more. Our staff can assist with document formatting and electronic resources.
- Basic Genealogy Learn how to use our genealogy resources to research your family history. Become familiar with Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage-Quest Online.
- Genealogy Lab One-on-one assistance in your search for family history. Basic Genealogy is a pre-requisite for this lab.
- Find a Job Become familiar
  with the resources available to
  assist you with exploring career
  opportunities, searching for
  jobs, creating or updating a
  resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and more.
- Keys for Career Seekers Discover online resources to assist you with each stage of the job search process. Use Career Cruising to search for jobs based on your skills and interests, or create a professional resume in Job & Career Accelerator, and even obtain information from popular careeroriented websites like LinkedIn and Glassdoor. Access the keys that will help unlock your potential as a candidate.

# New Arrivals for Adults March

- Vicious Circle: A Joe Pickett Novel by C. J. Box
- In This Grave Hour: A Maisie Dobbs Novel by Jacqueline Winspear

### April

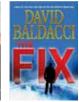
- The Fix by David Baldacci
- Since We Fell by Dennis Lehane
- *No Easy Target* by Iris Johansen
- Golden Prey by John Sandford
- One Perfect Lie by Lisa Scottoline
- Fast and Loose by Stuart Woods

### May

- 16<sup>th</sup> Seduction by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
- Testimony by Scott Turow

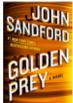




















# Art Park Players



# **The Bikinis**April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 May 5 & 6

\$30 Meal & Show Ticket \$15 Show Only Ticket

Back together after 20 years, the hit 60's girl group, *The Bikinis*, is ready to relive their fun in the sun, revive their Jersey Girl heydays, and rekindle their long lost friendships. All this to raise money for the good folks at Sandy Shores Mobile Home Beach Resort. Join the musical beach party celebration featuring hits like *It's in His Kiss, Yellow Polka Dot Bikinis, Heat Wave, Under the Boardwalk, These Boots Were Made for Walkin'*, and many more for a rockin' good time. Tickets go on sale to the public on April 3, 2017.

# Puttin' on the Ritz

May 30, 7pm (Show time 8pm) \$25 Ticket

The Art Park Players' Annual Puttin' on the Ritz Musical Revue & Fashion Show is an exciting event you won't want to miss. The Friends of the Art Park Players organize this mixer/dinner/silent and live auction event to raise funds for scholarships and internships for long-standing members of the Junior Art Park Players. The event also includes a musical revue and

# **Art Park Players**

fashion show featuring local celebrities. All of the food and auction items are donated to ensure that all of the funds raised are used to support the Mead-Holm Scholarship Fund and the Garrison/Shock Internship Fund.





For more information, call 281-478-7288. To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box

Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions and auditions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building located at 1302 Center St.

# Drive Safely

The City of Deer Park prohibits the use of wireless communication



devices while driving. Please use your cell phone in handsfree mode if you must use it. Keep in mind that school is in session, so drivers must remain alert. Many children are riding their bicycles or walking to and from school.

# Economic Development

#### **Business News**

- Deer Park will soon be home to Chipotle Mexican
  Grill restaurant,
  coming this year
  to 8035 Spencer
  Highway (next
  door to 1000 Degrees Pizza).
- Bush's Chicken is
  now open at 8055
  Spencer Highway
  in College Park
  Plaza (across the street from San
  Jacinto College).
- Deer Park Sushi is now open at 3811 Center Street (former location of Lucky Pawz).
- Pho Central Vietnamese Noodle
   restaurant is now open at 8011
   Spencer Highway (at the corner
   of Spencer and Academy, across
   the street from San Jacinto College).
- Center Street (near the intersection of Center St. and Lambuth). Owner and Deer Park resident, Jamie Cox, has been a certified personal trainer for many years. Regardless of your age or fitness level, Jamie will help you improve your overall physical well-being. For more information, call 281-479-2817.
- The Junction at Deer Park shopping center was recently announced. This 40-acre retail center will be near the intersec-

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- tion of East Blvd. and Spencer Highway (just east of the new H-E-B). The center will consist of several buildings, the first of which is already under construction.
- assisted-living senior facility located at 201 McDermott Street, recently completed a major interior renovation, including updating their senior apartments. Stop by to see this updated premier senior living facility.
- The old H-E-B location at Center St. and Pasadena Blvd. is sitting empty, but there is a lot of activity going on behind the scenes. Architects are working on the redesign plans for the new retail center and the developer has two signed tenant leases: *Planet Fitness and Value Dollar*.
- Lessons with Austin recently moved from Pasadena to Deer Park at 4514 Center Street (former location of Lola's Resale Shop). It offers music lessons in guitar, keyboard, ukulele, and drums. Vocal lessons are also available for aspiring singers.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld at 281-478-2042 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/ed.

# **Online Payments**

You can now pay for ambulance fees, retiree insurance, property taxes, court payments, water bills, and building permits online. Go to www.deerparktx.gov for details.

# Parks & Recreation

Pickleball League

Wednesdays, March 1-April 12, 10am, for ages 55 & over, \$60 per team, Earl Dunn Gym Be a part of our 1<sup>st</sup> pickle league. Pickle is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. It can develop into a fast-paced competitive game for experienced players.

The Art of Multi-Media

Thursdays, March 2-23, April 6-27 & May 4-25, 4:30-5:30pm, for ages 7-14, \$60 per month, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Jo Perez Boys and girls will make a multi-media project using materials, such as soft pastels, water colors, paints and clay, to illustrate how art masters like DaVinci and Van Gogh created their masterpieces. Each day we'll create a new project and each project will be matted in class. Classes are ongoing.

Kicker Tuesday

Tuesdays, March 7-28, April 4-25 & May 2-30, 7-8:30pm, \$60 per month per individual, \$100 per month per couple, \$15 drop-in fee to be paid before class, Deer Park Community Center Learn how to two-step and polka the modern way. Award winning, 5-star champion dancer, Steve Divekar of Dance Baytown and Amazing Dance Studio will lead you into a relaxing environment where you can enjoy yourself and learn quickly regardless of your skill level.

Adult Sand Volleyball
Thursdays, March 9-May 4,
for ages 17 & over, \$150 per
team, Dow Park, Instructor Ben
McCluney Join us for an 8-week
volleyball league, followed by a

single elimination tournament. All teams will qualify. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrecreation for more information.

> Volleytots Spring Break Camp

March 14-16, \$50 for Honeybees, \$75 for Volleytots, Earl Dunn Gym, Instructor Lindsey Freeman This is a 3-day camp for volleyball players ages 4-12. Honeybees (ages 4-7) meet at 9:45am for 50 minutes. Volleytots (ages 8-12) meet at 11am for an hour and 30 minutes. Both groups will focus on volleyball, fitness, and fun!

Youth & Family Painting

March 17 & May 12, 6:30-8pm, for ages 7 & over, \$25 per canvas, \$10 for each additional canvas per family, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Pam Gross Enjoy a night out with the family and take home a painted masterpiece. Pam will guide you step by step. No painting experience necessary. Parents of young children are asked to stay and help the children with their paintings. You are welcome to bring snacks. The class in March will be painting a ladybug. The class in May will be painting a frog.

### Patty Smash Sand Volleyball Tournament

March 18, 12pm, for ages 17 & over, \$60 per team, Dow Park, Instructor Ben McCluney Join us at the new Dow Park Sand Volleyball Court for the Patty Smash 4 vs. 4 Sand Volleyball Tournament. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrecreation for more information.

# Market Days

March 18, April 15 & May 20, 9am-1pm, Dow Park Stroll through Dow Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Market Days help support local businesses by allowing them to sell their ready-made or homemade items. There is always something for everyone! Parking is free for this event. Please contact Betty Geck at marketdays@yahoo.com if you wish to be a vendor.

### Dow Park Tennis Program

The youth and adult tennis program focuses on building a solid tennis foundation and relationship through the sport of tennis for ages 18 and under. Tennis classes are available on Sundays. All classes will be held at the Dow Park Tennis Courts, located behind the Deer Park Community Center and Dow Park Pool. Lessons are taught by Seth Suresh.

The Deer Park Adult Tennis League is new this year. This league is a fun way to socialize with friends, make new friends, and play tennis. Whether you haven't played since high school or you play every weekend with friends, you're destined to have fun! League begins the week of March 20.

Tiny Tykes

Mondays, March 20-April 24, for ages 2-4, \$101 per child, Deer Park Community Center Tiny Tykes
Soccer is a new and exciting program that teaches basic soccer skills while developing strength, balance, coordination, listening skills, and team work. This is a 6-week camp that meets on Mondays for 45 minutes. Our professional, licensed British coaches will provide children with a positive soccer experience. Please check our website at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrecreation for times and locations.

# Parks & Recreation



# Egg Hunt & Festivities

Come meet the Easter Bunny at the Deer Park Community Center and Dow Park on April 8! There will be plenty of activities from 9am until noon.

Bunny Bingo (9-10am) - Each child may play one card per game at no charge. Parents are welcome to stay and assist their child. The Easter Bunny will be visiting with the children and available for photos. Sidewalk Chalk Picture Contest (9-10:15am) - Draw an Easterthemed masterpiece on the sidewalk. Awards will be given for 1st through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category: I did it myself (ages 6 & under), ages 7 to 12, and family (at least one adult with one or more children). Rubber Ducky Races (9-10:15am) - Send your little quacker to the finish line with the power of water. Carrot Pull - Rabbit's garden is full of prizes. Everyone wins! Only one pull per child.

Easter Egg Hunt (10:30am) - Parents may only assist children 6 months to 2 years old. Aggressive parents will not be tolerated. Over 15,000 eggs filled with toys and candy. Some eggs contain a certificate redeemable for a prize. The prizes are for children 6 months to 9 years old and are limited to 1 per child. There is no guarantee that every child will get a prize. Those with an extra prize certificate may give it to someone who did not find a prize

certificate or bring it to the prize table for redistribution. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be rescheduled to 11:30am that day and moved indoors to the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Art Park Players Rockin' Cowgirls (11am-12pm) - The Rockin' Cowgirls will rock the pavilion again this year with singing, dancing, games, and giveaways!

Petting zoo, pony rides, wagon rides, and face painting will also be available!

### Pooch Hunt

April 8, Ella & Friends Dog Park - 500 W. 13th St. Pooch Hunt starts at 2pm. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

NRA's Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program for Children

April 11, 6-7pm, for ages 3-11, \$10 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Tania Weber This is the #1 gun accident prevention program in the nation. Children learn what to do if they ever come across a gun through four simple steps: Stop! Don't touch! Run away! Go tell a grown-up! This program includes watching a movie, storytime, a craft project for children, as well as a parent's guide to gun safety, and a certificate for the participant.

Work for Aquatics

As a lifeguard, you are entrusted with the lives of others so you must be extremely responsible, attentive, and patient. You will be required to attend the Ellis certification course, which includes physical challenges and a written exam to ensure you are capable of perform-

ing the necessary duties of the job. If you're interested in becoming a lifeguard, manager, or swim aide, complete an online application at www.deerparktx.gov/humanresources. If you are selected, you will be called for an interview.

Summer Registration

Mark your calendars for summer 2017 registration time! Loyalty online registration begins April 10. Loyalty and residential registration will be available online and in person at the Deer Park Community Center on April 17. Registration for new patrons will open on April 24. Registration does not include swimming lessons.

For more information, check out the *Live and Play* brochure at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

## **Facebook**

The City of Deer Park is on Facebook! To connect, go to www.deerparktx.gov/facebook.

# Code of Ordinances

The City of Deer Park contracts with Municipal Code Corporation to make the City Code of Ordinances available online. By following the link on our website, you can access our code and also that of other cities across Texas and the United States. The search engine will allow you to search by topic. Go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and then follow the link.

# **Healthy Living**

### Wicked Healthy

Since New Year's resolutions typically focus on food and dieting, consider embarking on a path to health using a new philosophy known as Wicked Healthy. Wicked Healthy was developed by The Sarno Bros, Derek and Chad. Wicked Healthy means eating



more vegetables and fruits, even better if they are organic and grown locally, as well as going easy on nuts, natural sugars, and oils. Aim to eat 80% healthy and 20% wicked. You can apply the formula in different ways, depending on your needs and preferences. For example, breakfast could be a bowl of oatmeal with cranberries and pecans (all healthy), topped with a drizzle of coconut cream and maple syrup (both wicked). Another way to apply the same principle is to divide up your week by eating healthy Monday through Friday and then cutting loose on the weekends. Choose the 80/20 approach that works best for you.

The Wicked Healthy path is not about strict dieting. You don't starve yourself, feel miserable for weeks, and then go back to whatever you were eating before. Being Wicked Healthy is about taking control and enjoying the real food on your plate. Think through what you're eating a little more mindfully.

Healthy lifestyles produce upbeat, confident, and energetic people. Avoid added sugars, saturated fats, and salt as much as possible. Make every effort to move around every day. Follow the Wicked Healthy path and accept that you're going to wander off the trail and eat out every once in a while. Focus on the foods that you should be eating, instead of the foods you should be avoiding. Enjoy the spring season and strive for a practical and healthy lifestyle.

Source: www.ideafit.com/fitness

# Adopt-a-Pet Program

Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Deer Park Animal Shelter after a holding period of 3 business days. There is a \$50 adoption fee, plus you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit the shelter, located at 4213 Luella, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm or Sat., 8am-12pm, or go to ww.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter. For



more information, call us today at 281-478-7274.

# **Prescription Program**



The City of Deer Park, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, offers a prescription discount card program that may save residents an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is free to all Deer Park residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance. For more information, call 888-620-1749 toll free or go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over Our Community, and click on Prescription Discount Card Program.

To access the program online, print a card, check drug prices, or locate participating pharmacies, visit www.caremark.com/nlc.
Residents may also pick up a card at the City of Deer Park City Hall, Community Center, Public Library, Maxwell Adult Center, or Police Station.

This is not insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. By using this card, participants agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount. Savings may vary by drug and pharmacy.

# **Maxwell Center**

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for seniors, ages 55 & over. We offer several activities, including ceramics, woodworking, quilting, dominos, cards, oil painting, card making, scrapbooking, bingo, and much more. There's something for everyone! Call us for more details at 281-478-7276.



# Homebound and Congregate Meals

Deer Park residents who are homebound and over the age of 55 may qualify for a meal delivery service coordinated through the Maxwell Senior Center. If you are a resident of Deer Park and over the age of 55 but are not homebound, you are welcome to participate in the congregate meals offered every weekday at the Maxwell Center.

#### Sunrise Exercise

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8-9am, Maxwell Center Get your day started on the right foot and join us for a video based workout. Please wear athletic clothes and rubber sole shoes.

### Maxwell Gamblers

Press your luck with our monthly trips to casinos.

- *March 21: Delta Downs*, \$5 per person
- May 3-5: Paragon Casino, \$85
   per person, you'll receive \$30
   in free play and \$10 in food
   vouchers



### Jam Sessions

There is a new groove in town! The Maxwell Center offers free jam sessions every Friday from 2-6pm. You are welcome to bring your instrument or just come by to listen.

### Maxwell Travelers

Join us as we visit exciting destinations across the USA. For more information, call 281-478-7276.

- *March 29-Apr. 6: Washington, D.C.*, \$825 per person
- June 10-22: Princess Alaskan
   Cruise, price dependent on room
   selection, fly out of Houston to
   Vancouver



# Maxwell Special Events March 10, 4-6pm

Get into the rodeo spirit and kick up your boots at the Maxwell Center. Join us for music, food, fun, and fellowship.

# First Friday Safety by HCSO March 3, April 7 & May 5

Join us at the Maxwell Center every first Friday of the month at 10:30am for a safety presentation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Topics include fraud, identity theft, and tips for overall safety of vulnerable populations.

# Silent Witness

The Silent Witness program allows citizens to voluntarily register their exterior facing home surveillance cameras with the Deer Park Police Dept. in an effort to assist with solving crimes. When a crime occurs in the vicinity of a residence that has a registered camera, the investigator will make contact with the owner and ask to view their video in an attempt to identify the suspect. Knowledge of cameras in and around the city would save the DPPD valuable time during investigations and could help in apprehending offenders. The program is entirely voluntary and consent to view video footage from your camera can be withdrawn at any time.

# Follow Us

Follow the City of Deer Park on Twitter @deerparktxgov and on Instagram at deerparktxgov.

## **DPTV**

Texas Parks & Wildlife is a weekly outdoors/nature series focusing on the incredible diversity of wildlife, scenic locations, and fascinating characters that make Texas unique. Watch new episodes on DPTV every Monday at 2:30pm. The episode repeats on Friday at 9:30am. DPTV is available on Comcast channel 16, Comcast digital channel 99, and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

# **Council Actions**

### November 2016

- Approved the purchase of five Chevy Tahoes and one Chevy Impala for the Crime Control Prevention District from Reliable Chevrolet through the Tarrant County Purchasing Agreement.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the construction of the new city hall building.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Quarterly Report for the period of July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.
- Approved the conceptual design for the renovations of the girls' softball facilities at the Youth Sports Complex.
- Approved an agreement with CorWorth Building Systems and Restroom Facilities, Ltd. for a family restroom facility at Bayou Bend Park and a concession, storage, and meeting area at the Adult Softball Complex.
- Approved the purchase of pavilion structures for the Dow Park Splash Park area from the PlayWell Group.
- Approved the purchase of Dow Park pavilion structures from the PlayWell Group.
- Approved the purchase of Dow Park pavilion buildings from CorWorth Building Systems and Restroom Facilities.
- Approved the purchase of services from Vaught Services through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to perform the replacement of the high service pumps at the Surface Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$97,076.61.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Crime Control and Prevention

- District of the City of Deer Park.
- Approved an ordinance amending Appendix B Fee Schedule to include administrative fees on lien processing.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B of the Code of Ordinances to address solid waste fees.
- Approved an ordinance updating the FY 2016-2017 classification scales.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a public hearing on the proposed amended Comprehensive Plan.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a public hearing on the proposed amended Subdivision Ordinance.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 106-25 (b)(c) of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates.
- Approved the purchase of a Nimble San storage device from Datavox through the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$101.694.
- Awarded the bid for the construction of a new maintenance building at the Surface Water Treatment Plant to Arnold Construction in the amount of \$221,290.
- Awarded the bid for the new Water & Sewer Maintenance Building to Arnold Construction in the amount of \$550,485.
- Authorized staff to cancel current contract and to seek bids for mowing and edging services on city-maintained medians, entrances and right-of-ways.
- Accepted the completion of the Bayou Street Storm Sewer

- Upsizing project. Final cost was \$183,535.
- Approved the purchase of a 2017 Freightliner 108SD-80 garbage truck to Houston Freightliner in the amount of \$199,495.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County for the reconstruction of Durant Avenue
- Referred a request for a Specific Use Permit from Glenwood Church Place of Praise to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved a resolution for support of legislation that provides a fair and equitable distribution of the sporting goods sales tax revenue for local and state parks and that all Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Urban Account funded park projects be subject to the established Texas Parks and Wildlife Department competitive scoring system.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fire Marshall inspection fee schedule.

### December 2016

- Awarded the bid for the 2016
   Thoroughfare Re-striping project to Stripes and Stops in the amount of \$135,348.45.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the golf course maintenance driveway/bridge repairs.
- Approved the purchase of a Ford F-450 Super Duty with chassis for the Street Maintenance Department from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$64,005.25.
- Authorized the Wynfield Estates Home Owners Association to

# **Council Actions**

- install new signage in the Wynfield Estates Subdivision.
- Accepted the completion of the Maintenance Facility Paving Improvements project. Final cost was \$166,005.35.
- Approved a contract with ArborLeaf Engineering for professional services related to the Harris County Flood Control District Channel B-112-00 in the amount of \$18,645.
- Approved the purchase of one 2017 Frazer remount ambulance in the amount of \$138,050.
- Approved an application from Pasadena Taxi Company to operate a taxi cab business in Deer Park.
- Approved a resolution suspending the effective date of the statement of intent of Center-Point Energy to increase rates; authorizing participation with the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities; and hiring legal counsel.
- Adopted a resolution by the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, authorizing the publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation; approving the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement; and approving other matters incidental thereto.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget for the city's wide area network upgrade.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan, (second reading).
- Approved an ordinance amending the Subdivision Ordinance, (second reading).
- Approved an ordinance reaffirming the Tax Abatement

- Policy.
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, July through September 2016.
- Approved the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. for the rehabilitation of corrugated metal pipe (storm sewer pipe) throughout the city in the amount of \$295,913.51.
- Authorized staff to seek a STEP grant from TxDOT for speeding enforcement in fiscal year 2017.
- Approved the purchase of a 2017 SAF-T-Liner C2 251 TS School Bus for the All Star Activity Program (ASAP) from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast in the amount of \$90,541.
- Appointed the city's representative to an Arbitration Committee.
- Approved the proposed budget for the city's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- Approved a request for the City of Deer Park to participate with neighboring municipalities in creation of a storm surge video.
- Approved an ordinance appointing four members to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Crime
   Control and Prevention District Budget for the Firing Range and Training Facility.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan, (third reading).
- Approved an ordinance amending the Subdivision Ordinance, (third reading).
- Approved an ordinance amending an Industrial District Agreement with BKTT Development, LLC., and authorizing an

Industrial District Agreement with Industrial Business Park, LLC.

# January 2017

- Awarded the bid for mowing and edging services on citymaintained medians, entrances, and right-of-ways to Longclaw Contractors in the amount of \$66,201.32.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter ending September 30, 2016.
- Accepted the completion of the Destiny Detention Pond Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$58,436.12.
- Approved the purchase of 70 desktop computers from Dell through a continuation of their lease/purchase via the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$52,000.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-194 of the Code of Ordinances related to the speed limit on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget to complete renovations at the Theater/Court building.
- Approved the revision of an existing ordinance concerning the Comprehensive Flood Damage Rules and Regulations.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for Glenwood Church Place of Praise for church services at 4526 Glenwood Avenue.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Hotel-Motel Tax Fund Budget to complete implementation of Phase 1 of the way-finding

# **Council Actions**

- signage system plan.
- Awarded the bid for the Surface Water Treatment Plant
   Improvements and Replacement of electrical switchgear to Hi-Tech Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$45,010.
- Awarded the bid for the Battleground Golf Course driveway improvements to RAC Industries in the amount of \$207,639,95.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Phase I Development of the Deer Park Nature Preserve.
- Accepted the completion of the Battleground Golf Course 48" Storm Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$249,979.
- Accepted the completion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$109,500.
- Accepted the completion of the Storm Sewer Washout Outfall Rehabilitation project (Moss Lane). Final cost was \$71,285.
- Approved a change order for additional earthwork for the berms at the Police Firing Range and Training Facility in the amount of \$57,039.78.
- Approved an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for materials testing services for the New City Hall project in the amount of \$32,990.
- Approved an agreement with National Sign Plazas for implementation of Phase 2 of the comprehensive way-finding signage system plan in the amount of \$200,000.
- Approved the purchase of playground amenities from the PlayWell Group for the renovation of Tiffany Amber Park in the amount of \$45,849.28.

- Approved the purchase and development of park and playground amenities from May Recreation for the new Cottonwood Park in the amount of \$274,754.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Deer Park, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017.
- Approved a resolution to name the city-owned park property in the Cottonwood Estates Subdivision *Cottonwood Park*.
- Approved a resolution to name the future nature trail within the Deer Park Nature Preserve the Dr. Billy J. Sealey Nature Trail.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget to construct a new city hall.
- Awarded the bid for the new city hall to Construction, Ltd. in the amount of \$6,121,000.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city's participation in the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 19 Allied States Cooperative.
- Approved the purchase of services from T. F. Harper for the City Hall Parking Lot Expansion project in the amount of \$314,164.30 through the ESC 19 Allied States Cooperative.
- Approved a design/build agreement with Ford Audio-Video
   Systems for the provision of
   audio visual consulting services
   for the New City Hall project in
   the amount of \$9,845.
- Approved a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance No. 819.

- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Deer Park Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District Budget for the refurbishment of one ambulance.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Deer Park Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District Budget for firefighting personal protective equipment.

# Recycle

We offer single-stream recycling at the transfer station! Residents can recycle their paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal cans by dropping them all into one single bin. Sorting your recyclables is no longer necessary. The guidelines to ensure that quality material goes into the recycling bins can be found at www.deerparktx.gov/recycle. When you recycle, be aware that food waste, plastic bags, and polystyrene foam cups and containers are not acceptable. Improper recycling can slow down the process or even ruin the entire load of recyclables. The Transfer Station is located at 610 Underwood Road and open Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm, and Saturday, 9am to 6pm. For more information, call 281-478-7213.



## Register Today - Before a Storm is on its way! Transportation Assistance Registry

If you will need help evacuating in the event of a hurricane, please dial 2-1-1 to register in advance for a ride. Dial 2-1-1 as soon as possible, if you:

- Have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out.
- Cannot drive and cannot arrange for transportation.
- Do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

The 2-1-1 registration process gives local emergency planners a better idea of the number of individuals who may need assistance, and the type of assistance they may need. The State of Texas will provide your information back to local emergency planners so they can plan accordingly.

Once you are registered, your information is safe in the state database. There is no need to call either 2-1-1 or your local emergency management office back to verify registration. This includes people who registered last year. Unless there is a change to your information, you do not need to re-register.

You will need the following information to register:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number (There is only room for one number, so please give the best number to call.)
- Contact name
- Contact relationship (aunt, brother, son, friend, landlord, etc.)
- Contact phone number
- Do you need transportation? (yes or no)
- Do you have any pets or service animals? (yes or no)
- Do you have a special medical need? (Describe the type of need you have.)



Save Your Life. Dial 2-1-1 To Register In Advance For A Ride.

# Report A Concern

To report a concern or issue that needs our attention, complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

You can also submit the appropriate form online at www.deerparktx.gov.

### Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Name:	
Phone:	Best time to call:
Location of concern:	
Describe the issue:	



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# State of the City



Mayor Jerry Mouton's State of the City Address is February 23. All of the information presented during the live event can be found on the city's homepage at www.deerparktx.gov under *News and Announcements* shortly after the event date.

The State of the City Address features City Council input on the many accomplishments of 2016, as well as key insights about what's coming up in 2017.

# **Election Information**

The City of Deer Park will conduct a General Election on May 6, 2017.

Register to Vote

You must be registered to vote by April 6, 2017 if you wish to vote in the May 6<sup>th</sup> elections. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, the Deer Park Public Library, and the Harris County Clerk's Office.

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Vote By Mail
Applications to
vote by mail
must be submitted by April 25,
2017.

Early Voting

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 710 East San Augustine St. as follows:

April 24 & 25, 7am-7pm April 26-28, May 1 & 2, 8am-5pm

# Election Day

On election day, May 6, 2017, voting will be conducted at the Deer Park Community Center, Room 12, 610 East San Augustine St. from 7am-7pm.

For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 281-478-7248 or go to www.deerparktx.gov.

